

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-6 (canceled).

7. (original): A method for producing an inhibitor of glucose absorption comprising steps of: grinding acerola fruit; isolating an extract from the ground acerola fruit; and purifying the extract according to need.

8. (new): A method for inhibiting glucose absorption in an individual, comprising administering an acerola fruit-derived substance to a patient in need thereof, and wherein administration of said acerola fruit-derived substance results in a decrease in glucose absorption by said patient.

9. (new): The method of claim 8, wherein said method is used to treat diabetes or diabetes complications in said patient.

10. (new): The method of claim 8, wherein said acerola fruit-derived substance comprises an acerola fruit-derived polyphenol.

11. (new): The method of claim 8, wherein said acerola fruit-derived substance comprises an anthocyanin pigment.

12. (new): The method of claim 8, wherein said acerola fruit-derived substance is an acerola fruit extract or a processed product thereof.

13. (new): The method of claim 9, wherein said acerola fruit-derived substance comprises an acerola fruit-derived polyphenol.

14. (new): The method of claim 9, wherein said acerola fruit-derived substance comprises an anthocyanin pigment.

15. (new): The method of claim 9, wherein said acerola fruit-derived substance is an acerola fruit extract or a processed product thereof.